

The Scottish Episcopal Church
Greyfriars
Kirkcudbright

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th March 2021 at 2pm by VCC (Zoom).

- 1 **The opening prayer** was given by the Rt Revd. Gordon Mursell who chaired the meeting.
Present at the meeting were: The Bishop (GM); Gwen Shaw (GS); Robert Reddaway (BR); Doreen Blackadder (DB); Barbara Hawkesford (BH); John Boyd (JB); Peter Bolton (PB) Randle Rushing (RR) and Anthony Bird (AB) who facilitated the meeting. The Bishop welcomed everyone and gave prayers for the meeting and included prayers for the Rector following his operation last Monday and hopes for his ongoing recovery and for Joyce Kirkland who is currently still missing.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** None.
- 3 **Report financial update:** Anthony Bird (AB) had circulated his report prior to the meeting. The funds were currently looking healthy.
- 4 **Services:** Palm Sunday 28th March; Maundy Thursday 1st April; Good Friday 2nd April; and Easter Day 4th April. Bishop Gordon confirmed that he and the Revd John Martin would lead the services until 30th May then reassess the situation at that point. He had also spoken to Rachel Inglis who was receptive to the idea of leading a Good Friday meditation. There is a retired school chaplain that has been mentioned who might help if required. **Action:** GS will liaise with Rachel Inglis. **Attached at Appendix A** the list of services covered.
- 5 **Stewarding and Intercessions:** Sylvie Bolton has kindly taken over from Wendy Milliken the delivery of pew sheets and the list of those willing to steward, set up the Altar and carry out intercessions and readings. They will be distributed once complete. **Action GS and SB**
- 6 **Future Services without a member of clergy:** as we were now covered until the end of May this question could wait until the next vestry meeting.
- 7 **Organ & or Music in church:** The Bishop had spoken to David Preston now recovered from his accident at Christmas and he would be willing to play but not weekly. (GM) would liaise with him and (AB) with the dates that he could do and those where other music was needed; we are currently unable to sing hymns collectively. **Action GM and AB**

- 8 **A.O.C.B:** **a) Property:** Bob Reddaway updated the committee on the work carried out at the Rectory in that some repair was needed to the garden fence and some electrical work that is required. He had also received the Quinquennial report that would be distributed and discussed at the next vestry meeting. He will arrange for a door key for the church to be given to Bishop Gordon and John Martin and provide the code for the key cupboard. **b) Art & Craft & Winter Wonderland.** GS had been in touch with Vivian Dania who had said she had still not been able to see the Harbourmaster or Gary about the use of his boat. The only possible date concerning tides would be **Saturday 4th December.** GS will speak to them if seen on her daily walks. **c) Joint Meeting with St Mary's Thursday 15th April;** suggestion that this is cancelled in the Rector's absence. **d) Pastoral Care:** agreed that it was not possible for Bishop Gordon to do this on a regular basis and that all Vestry members would undertake to contact those regular congregation members who might need some support or just a telephone call. **e) Regional Council meeting on 13th March.** (BH) will make a full report at the next Vestry meeting.
- 9 **Closing Prayer:** the meeting concluded with a closing prayer by the Bishop at 2.50pm. **Date of next meeting is Thursday 6th May at 2pm by zoom.**

After Bishop Gordon left the meeting a confidential matter was raised. All the Vestry were unanimous in their support after the discussion and agreed with the suggestion made. **Action: AB** will facilitate a joint meeting by zoom with St Mary's next week to discuss this matter.